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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (PARA THREE - DATE NOV 21 VICE NOV 2)

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TAGS: PINT

SUBJECT: LEAVE OF FOREIGN SECRETARY VICTOR GOMEZ AND APPOINTMENT OF  
ACTING FOREIGN SECRETARY

1. PRESS NOV 20 REPORTED THAT PRESIDENT BALAGUER HAD SIGNED  
DECREEE PREVIOUS DAY NAMING EX-AMBASSADOR FABIO HERRERA CABRAL  
AS ACTING SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN RELATIONS DURING  
"LEAVE" OF SECRETARY VICTOR GOMEZ BERGES.

2. FOLLOWING THIS REPORT, RUMORS CIRCULATED THAT LEAVE OF  
GOMEZ WAS FORCED AND PRELIMINARY TO HIS DISMISSAL. MOST  
PREVALENT SPECULATION WAS THAT HE HAD FALLEN INTO DISFAVOR  
BECAUSE OF MISCALCULATION AT QUITO MEETING IN VOTING FOR  
UNSUCCESSFUL PROPOSAL TO LIFT OAS SANCTIONS AGAINST CUBA  
AND HIS ACTION IN SIGNING WITHOUT PRIOR PRESIDENTIAL APPROVAL  
12-NATION DECLARATION SUPPORTING LIFTING OF SANCTIONS.

3. ON NOV 21 VICTOR GOMEZ TOLD PRESS AFTER MEETING WITH  
PRESIDENT BALAGUER THAT HE HAD NOT BEEN FIRED. HOWEVER,  
RUMORS OF HIS IMPENDING DISMISSAL HAVE PERSISTED.  
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